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WANT A FILTHY JOB ?
AT 85 PENCE AN HOUR ?
THEN JOHN BOOTH, DIR - ECTOR OF BEE GYM MATS ON RICHMOND ST.ASHTON IS YOUR MAN.

BEE GYM MATS produce foam gym mats and 'crash' mats on the Kayley Industrial Estate in Ashton. They work under contract to Prisons, the Ministry of Defence, the Police, local authority schools: mats for all occasions. About 30 women - ten aged 19 or less, work there from 9 to 5 (½ an hour for lunch) for 85 pence an hour in the first month, 90pence after one month. Most are lucky to take home £27 after deductions. In the words of one ex-employee 'It is a filthy job'. She described cutting her hands on nails sticking out of the large boards they have to move; the stink of the ammonia in the rubber solution, the 'white liquid' in the upstairs section - 'You feel drunk after using that'. Director, JOHN BOOTH, drives around in his 'personalised' car - number plate B2 - content to take advantage of people desperate for work. He's assisted by his dad-BILL, and Manageress OLIVE ALLSOP. He's also helped by the absence of any Trade Union organisation. Whenthe new TAMESIDE TRADES COUNCIL is set up, ending low pay at BEE GYM MATS should be given top priority.□

WACKO!

STEVE NOBLE - the President of the TAMESIDE NATIONAL UNION of TEACHERS was very upset by last issues UNCLE BEN cartoon which featured HENRICH OLROYD, the President of *LAMESIDE N.U.T.* enjoying a good thrashing at the hands of his secretary DORIS.
STEVE- who is strongly against caning of any kind is not to be confused with HENRICH and neither, of course, is ERIC PILKINGTON the President of the local Association of Headteachers who IS in favour of caning junior school kids.
And finally,*UNCLE BEN's LAMESIDE* has, of course, got nothing to do with the real TAMESIDE despite the curious and quite co - incidental similarity of the names. O.K. folks? (phew!)□

AD RAG

"24 PACKED PAGES OF NEWS, PICTURES AND SPORT....." is the impressive front - page boast of BRYAN CHADDERTON and his team of ADVERTISER Journalists.
Aww C'mon BRYAN!
There ARE 24 pages in your paper!
But, when WE counted only the equivalent of FOUR had NEWS, PICTURES and SPORT. And the REST were packed with nothing but money-making ADVERTS.□

WACKO 2 !

The Great TAMESIDE corporal punishment debate continues. And one of the things which never fails to amuse us here at the EYE is the curious pleasure obtained by some supporters of corporal punishment when they recount, in great detail, the occasions when they were beaten as children. Take this extract from a letter to the REPORTER of APRIL 24th from ELLEN BARKER of BALLSPOND RD. in London.....

> I was caned for smoking on two occasions as a teenager — by a lithe and athletic young deputy head equipped with some 3ft. of extremely whippy malacca and a strong wrist and muscular arm.
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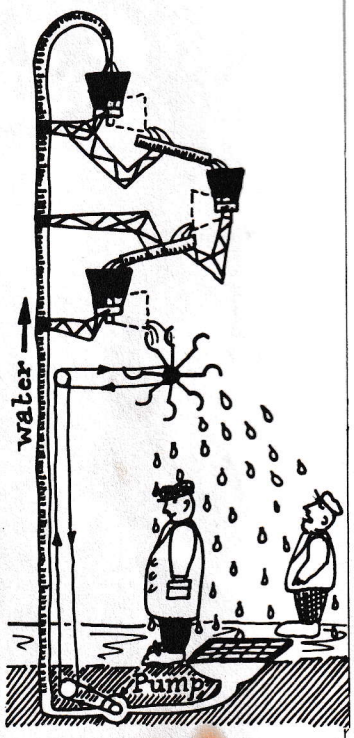
> I had four strokes on the first occasion, and thought it hardly as bad as the back of my mother's hairbrush. When I was caught a second time my mentor, instead of rushing to the STOPP conclusion that "beating is not a deterrent," bade me remove my skirt and bend over for eight real stingers with only the thinnes of summer pants between m seat and the stick.

It would seem that for this lady corporal punishment would be an incentive rather than a deterrent. □

GOOD NEWS FOR DUCKS

The Borough of HYDE would have been 100 years old this year if it hadn't ceased to exist 10 years ago when TAMESIDE was created.
In order to celebrate this momentous birthday RICHARD MARSH J.P. - resident of ROMILY, Managing Director of AUTO-MASTERS LTD. and current ROTARY President- is hoping to erect "a water cascade with stainless steel buckets emptying on to a series of chutes in the Civic Square" in Hyde.
This extremely useful heap of scrap iron and H20 will cost Hyde rate-payers £800 a year to maintain, forever (or until it is destroyed by vandals - which is what happened to the last one.)□



"water cascade with stainless steel buckets emptying onto a series of chutes in the civic square"

BAD NEWS FOR TROUT

If you're a trout you'd be well-advised to steer clear of the River TAME anywhere west of SADDLEWORTH. And if you're a FISHERMAN beware of dangling your hooks in the river down Ashton way unless you want them to come out charred and smouldering.

The N.W. River Authority proudly boasts that pollution in the SADDLEWORTH stretches of the TAME has been virtually eliminated by stiff controls on industrial outfalls and the recently improved Effluent Treatment works at GREENFIELD, less than a mile from the TAMESIDE border.
But only a suicidal fish would venture futher down stream. Samples of water taken at ROACHES BRIDGE in MOSSLEY show that the TAME is a 'class 3'river at this point.
This means a river of poor quality requiring improvement as a matter of urgency.' And the only wildlife you're likely to find there are 'sludgeworms, bloodworms and rat-tailed maggots! '

WHO CRUDS UP OUR RIVER ?
EYE IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING. WATCH THIS SPACE.□

HOARDER HARRY

Last months installment of THE DEAN STORY provoked a lot of interest - if the number of calls we've had on that subject is anything to go by.
One caller - a former member of the HYDE SEALS swimming club was particularly incensed because HE reckons old HARRY DEAN has in his possession the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP swimming trophy won by HYDE SEALS way back in 1902 or 1903; a trophy which our caller thinks should be kept by the club, not someone who wasn't even IN the team.
Well, we don't know.
What do you think HARRY?
(PART TWO OF THE DEAN STORY IS ON PAGES 6 AND 7 OF THIS ISSUE).□

TURBO

DAVID EVANS, TAMESIDE's £14,000 a year 'Policy Co-ordinator' has come up with another bright idea. He's changed the name of the NALGO Union Newsletter he edits from NAMELESS CREATION to....*'TURBO - the magazine supercharged with energy, force and direction!* '
Unfortunately, the first issue of TURBO contains an apology from dynamic DAVID for its being rather late!□

NEWS

NUCLEAR REV.

CANON JOHN BOWERS, Hattersley's Church of England Vicar, has been accused of war-mongering by some of his parishioners. In a recent monthly address to them he claimed good Christians should support the nuclear bomb - and protect themselves from communism in the process.
Angry members of his 'flock' feel this is no way to 'love thy neighbour'
On May 25th the Canon is due off on a lengthy cycle ride to raise cash for the Church. Rumours that anti-missiles groups are intending to help him set off are completely unfounded. □

SMACKEROOS

No wonder LEON "BIGGLES" HOWARD is determined to appeal against the councils decision to ban him from running a helicopter business at HELICO H.Q. in MOSSLEY.
According to a recent FINANCIAL TIMES SURVEY (26.2.81) there's going to be a £29 BILLION worldwide boom in copter sales in the 80's.
And who would let a little thing like planning permission come between him and a share in all those 29 billion smackaroos.
NOT BIGGLES. □

GRASS

Two readers rang up to answer last issues query about how the residents of WEST PARK in GEE CROSS manage to get the council to cut their grass verges so neatly for them.
A HYDE lady who takes a walk down WEST PARK reckons its because the people who live there are so industrious and do it themselves.
A WEST PARK resident, also anonymous, says that the council clips the grass once a month in the summer and the local council estates TWICE a month.
And, she went on, WEST PARK residents pay a special amenity charge for it. □

NUCLEAR HEAD

And now for COLIN COOKE, Headmaster of SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL who stopped his pupils handing out anti-nuclear leaflets the other week.
He said that his school does not get involved in 'moral issues'.
Schools must have changed a lot since our day!
Remember all those morning assemblies about doing GOOD and not hurting other people, and THOU SHALT NOT KILL and so on ? □

VANDAL

ROBERT WRIGLEY, MOSSLEY businessman, cricketer and self proclaimed environmentalist whose hobby is building dormer windows over other people's property without planning permission, has struck again!
He's applied for permission to change the ground floor of No.2 STAMFORD ST. MOSSLEY from a restaurant to a 'retail outlet' and the first and second floor into offices (despite being told to demolish this second floor!)
The application will be considered by Councillor JACK PETTITS Planning Committee on May 20th, but WRIGLEY's men are already hard at work.
Tasteful 'Taj Mahal' style window frames have been installed and extensive interior refitting is taking place in preparation for what EYE understands is to be a VIDEO FILM SHOP (nudge, nudge). □

NURSEMAIDS

Calling all out-of-work National HEALTH nurses! Hows-about-a-job at the PRIVATE HOSPITAL run in BURY by TAMESIDE Magistrate MALCOLM KELSHAW ?
The pay MAY be only about two thirds of normal NATIONAL HEALTH rates but if you're really lucky you may be one of the fortunate nurses who get to wake MALCOLM and his wife SONYA up with their breakfast and at the very least you won't have to pay 25p a cup for your tea, which is what the visiting relatives of KELSHAW's £100 a week patients have to fork out. □

BUBBLES!

COMPETITION No. 2

Results of Bubbles 1. Turn to Page 11.

This months BUBBLERS are wee GEORGE HATTON - last year's MAYOR and this years DEPUTY MAYOR - and a few little friends. You've seen OUR suggested caption. Can you think of a funnier one? Answers on a postcard to P.O. BOX 30, HYDE. We'll print the best one and give a year's subscription to EYE as a prize.

DR ATHERTON

The letter in last months EYE from the good Doctor ATHERTON of GREENFIELD seems to have provoked more interest than any other item in the paper.
There are regular EYE readers all over TAMESIDE wanting to know more about this prodigious consumer of meat-pies and scourge of the alternative press. Well, ATHERTON fans, we can now reveal that the good Doc. ....wait for it.....likes to drink Guinness!
Watch this space for further shocking revelations. □

SKINFLINT

You've got to hand it to our local moneylenders!
They certainly know who their customers are!
Take the MINSTER FINANCE CO. LTD. based on OLD ST. in ASHTON with a turnover of £307,409 in 1979.
They've been advertising their £20 - £100 'personal loans' in the poorer parts of Tameside using the cheapest kind of advertising there is.
A reader spotted one of their 10p.-a-week postcard ads in a shop window in low income Bottom Mossley. ▷
The card advised would-be debtors to ring up MINSTER ASHTON office or MINSTER Director JAMES BRIDGE at his well appointed house on ARLIES LANE which is one of the prettier, more countrified parts of STALYBRIDGE. □

HERE TODAY...

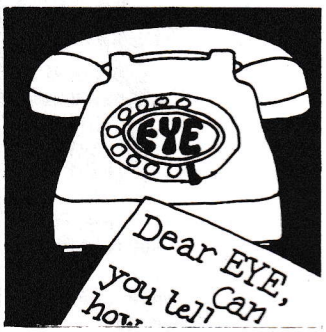
In January EYE told you of the dubious dealings of GEORGE BARRY SHEPHERD's second hand car business in Ashton called 'GBS500'
We can now inform readers that GBS500 *has closed down* and there are plenty of customers and suppliers alike who want to know SHEPHERD's whereabouts for he's left a string of bad debts behind him.
One supplier EYE spoke to has already tried to take GBS500 through the County Courts, to no avail. 'What worries me' he said ' is that he'll probably move somewhere else and start the same tricks all over again! □

NEWS ANSWERS

CRACKED

An anonymous group of local vigilantes calling themselves THE TAMESIDE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE are collecting dossiers on TAMESIDE EYE workers.

The first 'dossier' went out in early April to local businessmen who have appeared in the paper.
A covering letter advises recipients that there is no copyright on the 'dossiers' and that TIC accepts '*no legal responsibility as a result of the use, misuse or abuse*' of the information supplied.
'Regular updates' are promised and anyone wishing to contact TIC 'urgently' are advised to do so via a 'personal ad' in THE REPORTER addressed to TREVOR IAN COOPER.
Five weeks later
No one has so far done that.
The dossier itself contains a dozen or so names.
It was compiled from old issues of the paper (which are freely available from PO BOX 30 HYDE, for £5 a set) and as a result is out of date.
Most of the people on the list no longer work for the paper, several never did, and at least one simply doesn't exist.
There is of course no secret about the 20 or so people who currently help to produce EYE in their spare time.
As thousands of local people who work with us on stories will testify.
It is interesting to note a similarity in Research methods between the TIC and the kind reader who sent bogus libel letters round a number of our newsagents a month or so ago. Both got their information from a close reading of EYE back issues.
Both have problems with spelling, and both appear to have a passing acquaintance with legal jargon.
The EYE reader who received a 'dossier' and promptly sent it to us comments: 'From the reaction of the TAMESIDE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE to your publication it seems obvious that they have secrets they wouldprefer the public not to know about. Keep up the good work!'□



Why did TAMESIDE council-leader ROY OLDHAM and Chief Executive DAVID SPIERS go to STRASBOURG together recently, and who paid for their trip? asks a regular EYE reader.

Well, madam, according to ANDREW ROBINSON, the TAMESIDE Press Officer, ROY and DAVID went to STRASBOURG a few weeks ago on a 'fact finding mission' to see if TAMESIDE could get hold of some of the many millions of pounds being given away every year by the E.E.C.
The two day trip was paid for out of ' council funds' In other words from the rates and the taxpayer.
The gamble is that the trip will eventually pay for itself many times over in E.E.C. grants. Or not.
Incidentally, there are plans afoot for TAMESIDE, in conjunction with other G.M.C. Boroughs, to pay for a permanent representative in STRASBOURG and BRUSSELS to beg for E.E.C cash full time.
Job applications in a plain brown envelope c/o DAVID SPIERS, ASHTON TOWN HALL.□

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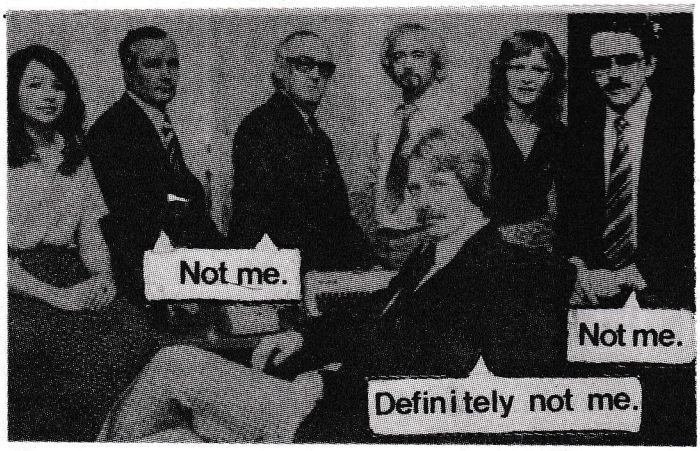
"WHY" asked EYE readers MR & MRS THOMPSON of BROADOAK RD, ASHTON "has TAMESIDE taken over six months to come and fix our faulty, leaking draughty, rotten, council house window frame?"*
We set about answering this question for THE THOMPSONS and came up with some astonishing answers.....

First, we rang MEL HILL, the helpful boss of the DIRECT WORKS DEPT. which is responsible for most council house repair jobs. MEL rang us back three times that same day, and finally came up with *part* of the answer.
'The THOMPSONS house ' he said 'is on a five year repair programme and any major repairs needed in the house will be done then.'
But when would THAT be, exactly ?
'I don't know off-hand' said MEL,'ring up MELVIN DAVIES at the ARCHITECTS DEPT. They are in charge of these long term plans.'
So we rang up MELVIN.
He was helpful too, but very apologetic.
'*Before* the cuts,' said MELVIN the BARDSLEYS house *would* have been done by about 1988.'
1988 !
Did you *really* say 1988 MELVIN ?
Yes, but that was *before* the cuts' he said ruefully ' now it could be well into the 1990's before the BARDPSONS turn comes up.'
We range MEL MILL back to tell him what MELVIN had said.
'Oh' said MEL and paused.
'That won't do, we'll have to see about getting some pre-paint repairs done on that part of the estate before then'
'But what about the window frame?'
'Well,' Said MEL 'tell them to go through the normal channels again and ' he said ' if they dont get any joy tell them to give me a ring and I'll see what I can do.'□

Who's been naughty at the ADVERTISER?

A local journalist drew our attention to recent ADVERTISER stories that appeared in the DAILY MIRROR and other Nationals before they appeared in the ADVERTISER itself.

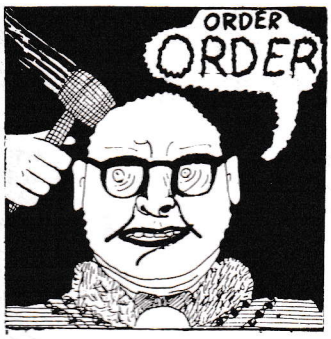
Our informed source was quite certain that some-one on the ADVERTISER was fencing stories to the National dailies before they made THE ADVERTISER.
There was the one about the Denton Irishman who tried to vault his mini over 15 cars but un-fortunately landed on car number two.
That appeared 'exclusively' in THE MIRROR on APRIL 22nd, two whole days before it made THE ADVERTISER, and plenty early enough for THE REPORTER to pick it up for its own front page.
Then there was the one about the local driving school which planned to give its pupils Biorythmn tests before their exams. That made both THE MIRROR and THE EXPRESS before it made the ADVERTISER.



When we put this to BRYAN CHADDERTON, the ADVERTISERS 29 year old Editor he said It was,'common practice' for local journalists to provide stories for the nationals.
Well, BRYAN, it is, but do they normally do it BEFORE those stories make their own paper?
'Sometimes' relied BRYAN curtly.
At THE REPORTER they do things differently. The unwritten rule there is that journalists CAN sell stories to the nationals but only AFTER they have appeared in the REPORTER.
Our Journalist-informant tells us that it is MOST UNUSUAL for Editors to allow their staff to send good stories to NATIONAL papers who then 'scoop' the local.
Does someone at the ADVERTISER need their botty slapping?□

have changed the names at the request of these readers

IN COUNCIL.. PARLIAMENT.. GMC..CONTRACTS..



Every year Councillors get invited to Beer and skittles with the local fuzz. It's all part of Chief Constable ANDERTONs drive for good community-police relations.
This year's session should be quite spicy, following Cllr. GLYN FORD's derogatory comments on the front page of the REPORTER about ANDERTON's recent visit to Hattersley High School. Will GLYN turn up? Will they let him in? See next months EYE for the recipe of what they slipped in GLYN's drink.....□

Cllrs. SYLVIA SWIFFIN has found out to her cost how ambition can be thwarted by a vote being taken in the wrong order. She had designs on challenging CLLR. GLYN FORD for his current Chairmanship of Education. But *somehow* the vote on head of Libraries and Arts came up first at the Labour group. SYLVIA had to choose between running for Libraries and getting it, or waiting until the Education vote which she might lose, and thus end up as Chairwoman of nothing.
SYLVIA is still Chair - woman of Libraries and Arts.

DAVID SPIERS, Tameside's Chief Executive will be keeping a watchful eye on neighbouring Derbyshire Councy Council over the next few weeks.
For Labour have just won control there in the recent elections *and they are'pledged to abolish the Department of the Chief Executive.'*
This money-saving measure is certainly an attractive proposition -think of how many Home Helps could be paid out of a Chief Exec's salary.
Fortunately for SPIERS fraternal contact between Peak District Labourites and Tamesiders is weak following long periods of Tory rule in Derbyshire.□

The Mayor has been taken off all the council's committees -sweet revenge for those who wanted to abolish the post outright.
And most upsetting for the current incumbent Cllr. GEORGE NEWTON. At a stroke the Mayoral position has been made virtually politically impotent. No more will the Mayors comments on an issue be treated as though they came from the Leader of Council. Pleasing for current leader, CLLR. ROY OLDHAM.
Talking of Mayoralty: did you hear the one about the Borough where the Mayor and his Deputy liked the job so much that they took it in turns to do each other's job. The story goes that in the end they made the post hereditory.□

'28 to 16' probably means nothing significant to anyone outside the Labour Group of councillors. To some councillors it means only one thing: CONSPIRACY!
For 28:16 is the magical voting pattern that keeps happening again and again. It was the vote against abolishing the Mayor. It was the vote by which many of the left, or more radical, councillors failed to become head of a committee.
To the right, the consistency of the'16' shows they have been conspiring busily. To the left, the '28' seems too similar to the group who attended a secret caucus held in Ashton Town Hall to choose the current Mayor Cllr. GEORGE NEWTON.□

TAMESIDE are about to make some of their best council tenants very angry indeed.

The GMC have just decided that the post-war prefabs at BUTTERFIELD CLOSE and PINLOCK GROVE in HYDE are fire-risks and have ordered TAMESIDE to fireproof them.
This will involve stripping off decorations the tenants have spent thousands of pounds on, putting in the fireproofing and replacing it with 'the cheapest wallpaper available.'
The good tenants of BUTTER FIELD CLOSE and PINLOCK GR. may well complain about this, particularly as there hasn't been a single fire in either of these streets in over thirty years.□

Tameside's gang of theee approaching re-selection by their constituency parties, have all manifested themselves in the House this month.

BOB SHELDON, in his capacity as Opposition Front Bench man on Finance put his oar in during the debate on the Finance Bill. He proposed an amendment which would have remedied Sir Geoffrey Howe's failure to increase tax allowances this year. The amendment was not passed.
KEN MARKS continued to press the D.E.S. on the matter of children who leave school early in order to qualify for Supplementary Benefit, when they could have stayed on to take exams. Once more the D.E.S.reply was 'less than helpful'.□

In the excitement over all nine GMC seats in Tameside going to Labour, let us not forget some of the election's sideshows.
FRANK CROPPER's embarrassingly low total of 128 Communist votes, but at least FRANK showed his face where he lives, unlike Tameside's only National Front Candidate ROY VON BARROW.
BARROW did not stand on his home ground of Droylsden. Instead he stood in Dukinfield (mis-spelt 'Duck...' on his manifesto)
BARROW is Warehouse Manager at CHRISTIE's Droylsden, part of the large textile group COURTAULD. Workers there tell of him playing tapes of Hitler's speeches at parties. Showing a photo of himself dressed in Nazi uniform. He also takes round football cards labelled 'Gorton Drama Group' but complains if someone takes one round for the Labour Party.
Needless to say, none of this was on his manifesto.□

When TED HALL was a Tory Councillor for Audenshaw, he had a tendency to put his foot in it. Like the time he 'leaked' the new route of the Manchester Ring Road. By contrast, his GMC campaign was tight-lipped. Not only did his manifesto fail to mention that he is an AUDENSHAW FREEMASON (Unitas Fratrum Lodge 795), he also forgot to say he was standing as a TORY candidate!□

Interesting to note that nearly all the LIBERAL CANDIDATES standing for TAMESIDE Wards in the GMC elections appear to live in MARPLE. It's hardly surprising that the LIBERAL PARTY picked up so few local votes.□

On 7th April the HOUSING COMMITTEE confirmed the award of two contracts worth over £3.5 MILLION pounds to ROLAND BARDSLEY the local builder and night-club owner.
His firm ROLAND BARDSLEY's (BUILDERS) LTD. is going to build prefabs in DENTON and new houses at QUEENS RD, ASHTON. This contract is yet another boost to ROLAND whose building business is thriving remarkably when everyone else is going bust.
A fact which will be of small comfort to the 30 plumbers ROLAND made redundant just before Christmas.□

The Dean Story

Part Two

Being how HARRY, ROGER, and JOHN DEA... their fortunes by never missing a trick...

THIS MONTH: BOB AND HARRY PART. JOHN AND ROGER TAKE OVER. EVERYONE MAKES MONEY OUT OF SLUM CLEARANCE AND HARRY SELLS A USELESS GOLF COURSE TO TAMESIDE COUNCIL FOR £60,000.

By spring 1965 BOB WHIPP had been HARRY DEAN's partner for nearly 40 yrs. In that time BOB, the one-time building worker and HARRY, a former cotton mill weaver had profited from every switch and turn in the property market.
They had repaired post war bomb damage, spec-built with 'lump' labour in the 1950's property boom, and bought up old houses in MOSS SIDE as the first wave of WEST INDIAN IMMIGRANTS arrived.
But BOB and HARRY were now at the parting of the ways. The problem appeared to be HARRY's grown up sons - JOHN the solicitor and ROGER the Surveyor who were clearly having more and more say in the running of the family business. And BOB WHIPP didn't seem to like it.

1965

On April 1st 1965 BOB WHIPP resigned from the DEAN & WHIPP Board, taking with him his wife, daughter and sister.
He set up his own firm which is reported to have produced a second fortune for BOB in BOLTON and WIGAN and, so the story goes, a string of ROLLS ROYCES.
When BOB WHIPP left, JOHN and ROGER weren't slow to make their mark. Over the next few years the productive side of the business was wound down. Companies which used to make or sell THINGS were changed into property businesses or Finance companies that made little else but MONEY.
MILTON ENGINEERING was now MILTON PROPERTIES, WELDING SHIELDS LTD, the engineering firm set up by HARRY & BOB back in 1943 now did nothing but buy, sell and rent property, as did a score of other DEAN companies, including DEAN & WHIPP LTD. itself.
And when old HARRY DEAN's last building venture went bust in 1969, the transformation was complete.

But, as the DEAN companies acquired more and more slum property the DEANS themselves moved into a succession of big, beautiful houses in the more desirable areas of town: places like JOURNEYS END in HYDE, and BROOKFIELD HOUSE on THE NOOK in GREENFIELD. Easily the most interesting though was WINDY HARBOUR FARM in WERNETH, a former dog kennels and tea-rooms.
HARRY DEAN bought it around 1965 for a reported £13,000.
It came complete with a large piece of land. For the next five years HARRY DEAN schemed to turn this house and land into a money making venture.
And, finally he settled for a licensed restaurant.
But HYDE COUNCIL refused planning permission.
So, HARRY built a small golf course next door and re-applied for planning permission for a CLUB with a restaurant and bar.
But when planning inspectors arrived they found that a lot of the conversion work had already been done, right down to the crush barriers on the doors.
Permission was given anyway and the project went ahead.
Unfortunately there were problems with the 9-hole golf course HARRY had built.
In the words of TORY councillor COLIN GRANTHAM (who clearly knows his golf) 'The longest hole was 150 yards, and there wasn't a flat green on the course. You could only use a nine iron and a putter -and if you tried to use a club the ball went too far and ended up on the WERNETH LOW course next door.
So, despite a liberal interpretation of licensing laws HARRY DEANS restaurant and golf club doesn't seem to have prospered.
In COLIN GRANTHAM's words it was a 'white elephant'
So, like any shrewd businessman would, HARRY began to look around for a mug to sell it to.

Along came TAMESIDE.
They agreed to buy this largely useless golf course off HARRY for £65,000.
HARRY accepted, banked the money, and watched TAMESIDE go on to lose £13,000 a year on the course, right up to 1980 when the council finally leased this embarrassing golf course to a consortium of local businessmen

The WINDY HARBOUR affair shows the DEANS at their shrewdest.
In other areas, though, they seem to be less competent..

1971

ACCOUNTS have always given the DEANS problems. They don't appear to be able to keep or file them properly. Which is surprising in view of the family way with money, and JOHN DEAN's expensive legal training.
At any rate, doing the official audit on the DEAN books seems to have been an accountants nightmare.
In SEPTEMBER 1971 the auditor for DEAN SECURITIES (one ROBERT HAYTON who went on to become the Director of MINSTER FINANCE LTD. one of ASHTON's more prominent moneylenders) complained that:
'proper books of accounts have not been kept'
And, the same complaint occured next year over the accounts of JOHN M.DEAN TRADING, NEDA INVESTMENTS, NEDA PROPERTIES LTD and SAMCHES PROPERTIES LTD.
All of which made it impossible for the auditor to 'express an opinion as to whether the accounts.... give a true and fair account of the ...profit of the year'

The shortcomings in the DEAN's accounting techniques do, of course, make it difficult to comment on the losses or very low profits they claimed to be making during this period.

At other times the DEANS were unable to show auditors deeds to houses they said they owned.
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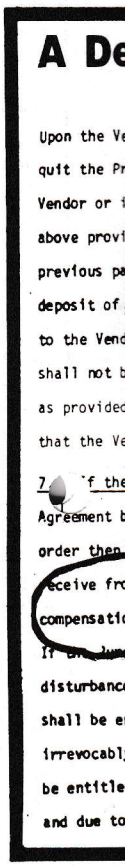

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In more recent years the TAMESIDE Legal Dept. has had similar problems, as has the AREA IMPROVEMENT GROUP and at least one local Housing Association.
Last year EYE carried a story about families on CHURCH ST. in DENTON who had bought their old houses from the DEANS but were unable to sell, or to improve them because they had not been given the deeds by the DEANS.
As we go to press some of those deeds have still not turned up.
But the most controversial area of the DEANS business during the '70's was their extensive use of RENTAL MORTGAGES on their old slum properties. (see EYE No.9 Sept.'79).
People who buy houses off the DEANS under RENTAL MORTGAGE agreements do not own the property until the very last payment is made. DEAN & WHIPP retain the right to re-possess the property if the client gets as much as seven days behind on payments, the client has NO RIGHT under DEAN agreements to claim compensation if the council demolished the house; and the DEANS reserve the right to claim any disturbance payment due to the client if that happens.
Most amazing of all is the clause in these DEAN agreements which gives the DEANS the right to insist that payments on the house continue to be made *AFTER THE HOUSE HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED*.
In 1974 out of 279 TAMESIDE properties owned by DEAN & WHIPP 113 were being 'sold' under RENTAL MORTGAGES, and 82 of them were due for clearance.
In MOSS SIDE all the DEAN properties we have knowledge of were being sold under rental mortgages and/or were due for clearance.

In practice the DEANS rarely if ever claimed their 'full rights' under these grossly unfair agreements. To our knowledge no DEAN client has been forced to make payments after his house has been demolished and, if they persist, DEAN clients HAVE managed to get a prop - ortion of the clearance compensation.
What they haven't got is the house they paid for. And they are rarely left with enough money for a conventional mortgage on another house.

As a result, DEAN clients often had to be found council houses and even *then* the attempts of DEAN clients to get this council housing has sometimes been hampered by the DEANS refusal to promise TAMESIDE that their properties would not be re-let before demolition. Causing a delay both in rehousing and clearance, during which THE DEANS continued to collect rental mortgage payments on slum property.
This is not the end of the DEAN story.
Their holding company DEAN & WHIPP is still active, based now in DENTON.
JOHN DEAN & ROGER DEAN both we understand separated from their wives, are still running the company, though old HARRY appeared to have more or less retired to a secluded house in MICKLEHURST.
The moneylending and the property dealing is still going on (though, we imagine, much curtailed by the fact that many of TAMESIDE's slum houses are now long gone)
ROGER is reported to be running an ESTATE AGENTS business in SOUTH MANCHESTER and, we note, DEAN & WHIPP LTD. is still lending money and currently offering offices for sale in a big old house just past STAMFORD PARK in ASHTON.
We will be following the DEAN story with interest in the months and years to come. □

No bombs please, we're TAMESIDERS!

There IS a nuclear bomb shelter under the G.P.O. building at St. Michaels Square, Ashton.

Labour councillor PHIL TOMLINSON let slip this interesting tit-bit at a recent meeting of the MOSSLEY Peace Movement.
After confirming the existence of the bunker (which was revealed to EYE readers two years ago) Cllr. TOMLINSON went on to say that the council had made no financial provision for its maintenence, and left people with the impression that the LABOUR Group in Tameside were not in favour of planning for a nuclear war. This, coming after last months council-decision to BAN the transportation of nuclear materials through Tameside could be a source of embarassment for DAVID SPIERS the Tameside Chief Executive who is ultimately responsible to the Home Secretary for all local plans to manage civil disturbances, including disorder and riots after a nuclear war.
We couldn't get through to PHIL TOMLINSON at the time of writing. But DAVID SPIERS was available.
He said he had 'never heard of any bunkers' and commented that 'nuclear war plans are not really a matter for TAMESIDE but for the GMC emergency planning officer, and Parliament.'
He admitted that there were local plans to 'deal with civil emergencies' and that these plans 'could be applicable to nuclear wars.'
But he felt unable to comment on the attitude of LABOUR councillors to such local plans. □

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Being how HARRY, ROGER, and JOHN DEAN made their fortunes by never missing a trick...

Along came TAMESIDE.
They agreed to buy this largely useless golf course off HARRY for £65,000.
HARRY accepted, banked the money, and watched TAMESIDE go on to lose £13,000 a year on the course, right up to 1980 when the council finally leased this embarr assing golf course to a consortium of local businessmen

The WINDY HARBOUR affair shows the DEANS at their shrewdest.
In other areas, though, they seem to be less competent..

1971

ACCOUNTS have always given the DEANS problems. They don't appear to be able to keep or file them properly. Which is surprising in view of the family way with money, and JOHN DEAN's expensive legal training.
At any rate, doing the official audit on the DEAN books seems to have been an accountants nightmare.
In SEPTEMBER 1971 the auditor for DEAN SECURITIES (one ROBERT HAYTON who went on to become the Director of MINSTER FINANCE LTD. one of ASHTON's more prominent moneylenders) complained that:
'proper books of accounts have not been kept'
And, the same complaint occured next year over the accounts of JOHN M.DEAN TRADING, NEDA INVESTMENTS, NEDA PROPERTIES LTD and SAMCHES PROPERTIES LTD.
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Unfortunately, four days earlier on 6th January the registered office of JOHN M. DEAN LTD. had switched back to 75 Stamford St.
Four months later, this remarkably mobile business was [illegible] the move a[illegible]n, this time to 5, The Nook, Green field., another of JOHN's residences.
Two months later it hit the road once more=ending up at 27b Market St.Denton.
But by this time the breathless company Registrar appears to have caught up with JOHN M. DEAN LTD.
Or at least, there is a letter on record signed by JOHN M. DEAN claiming to have enclosed the long lost annual returns from 1969 to 1974.
We have been unable to find these returns on the official companies file at Company House in London.

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PROFITS SMOKE SCREEN

Following the budget's 14p. tax increase on cigarettes SENIOR SERVICE of HYDE put 1,250 workers on a four-day week.
But there could well have been other alternatives...
Union Branch secretary BRENDA WARRINGTON has disputed Director BARRY WATERHOUSE's claims that the short time working was inevitable. She says that her members - many of whom are losing up to 20% of their normal weekly wage are being asked to bear too much of the budget burden. And the latest available company accounts appear to back her up.
In 1979 SENIOR SERVICE made a profit of £2,415,435. Nearly all of this was paid out in dividends to share holders. The highest paid Director got £23,675 (a rise of £4,000 on the previous year) and a sum of £315,071 was retained in the company bank account. This last item brought the companies accumulated reserves to a massive £5,278,040.

Unless this sum was paid out to shareholders the following year, or invested in new plant and machinery (both of which are unlikely) it would have still been available after the last budget to cushion the effect of falling sales on the workforce, especially if, as is likely, those post-budget falling sales were due largely to pre-budget hoarding.
Instead the company chose to put its workforce on short time.
SENIOR SERVICE is part of the GALLAGHER group which also owns ARNFIELDS pump works at GUIDE BRIDGE in ASHTON. In recent years ARNFIELDS like SENIOR SERVICE- have made enormous payouts to shareholders and then pleaded poverty to their workers when pay claims were made. The GALLAGHER group is ultimately owned by the giant American multi-national AMERICAN BRANDS INCORPORATED.
**The Tobacco Workers Union have donated 8,000 cigarettes to the walkers on The People's March.* □

SULZER BROS

As we go to press, SULZER BROS. are completing the sale of their HYDE packaging machinery factory to a mystery firm 'COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES LTD.
It is not yet known whether SECURITIES are simply asset strippers or whether they have a genuine interest in keeping the Hyde works open.
The workforce have been on short time for over 8 months now. At the end of February 45 were made redundant (39 shop floor 7 staff). On top of this Managing Director DEREK JARMAN must have had the new SULZER factory in Leeds in the back of his mind - due open in July- when he recently put off (until June) the current round of pay negotiations.
Workers wanting to find out more about their new owners might wish to write or telephone to 'SECURITIES' their address is 35 Dover Street, London W.1. (Tel:01 499 0946). □

GLYNWED

Last year GLYNWED a Birmingham based multi-national company closed its Audenshaw factory making over 800 redundant. In the same year, they contributed £15,000 to the Conservative Party and Chairman LESLIE FLETCHER gave himself an 18% rise taking him to £50,401. Profits hardly dropped (£22 million), bolstered by the firm's policy of investing over-seas, especially South Africa. □

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His answer to the problem is T.M.C.
It stands for TOTAL MARKET COVERAGE and they go in for it in a big way in the States.
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And then your newsagents deliver it NOT only to regular EVENING NEWS readers but to everyone in GREATER MANCHESTER.
You then go along to your ADVERTISERS and tell them that an AD in the new paper guarantees TOTAL MARKET PENETRATION.
You watch the pound signs twinkle in their eyes and then tell them that they can only use this miraculous customer making machine if they advertise in the daily paper first.
Result? You beat the recession and get lots and lots of lovely ad-money for the NEWS CREAKING coffers. Or so the theory goes.
Unfortunately, the NEWS journalists aren't playing. They've refused to write GOEFF STENTONS free copy.
But, SOGAT print workers scared of redundancies HAVE agreed to print it for no extra pay.
But, whether the local news agents will agree to distribute it remains to be seen. □

ARNFIELD'S

The occupation of J & E ARNFIELD at Guide Bridge ended on April 28th - with Management's £5 per week wage rise offer increased to £7. A shop floor ballot showed a 2:1 vote to accept the new deal and return to work.
This was the first official local strike at ARNFIELD'S in over 25 years, and in the four weeks they were out the workforce learnt a lot. As one AUEW member put it."The company were sending their letters out, so we had to put our bulletins out." They are now hoping to follow this with a regular monthly fact-sheet for Union members □

INDUSTRY

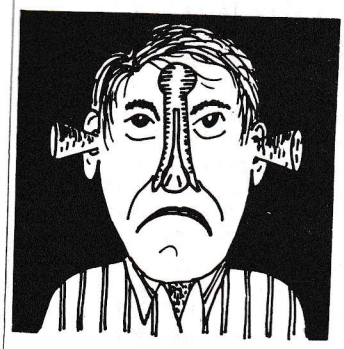
SHARNAWARE

SHARNAWARE the DROYLSDEN plastics manufacturer is in a spot of trouble.
The latest company report shows turnover down in real terms, and pre-tax profit falling from £1.07 million in 1979 to £393,000 last year.
This poor performance is certainly NOT the result of overpaid grasping workers.
In 1979 the 380 workers at SHARNAWARE Lumb Lane toy works earned an average wage of under £2,700 - about £50 per week.
By contrast, SHARNAWARE's Chairman, SYDNEY ORCHANT, of 5 Parkfield Lodge, Didsbury paid himself £20,000 that year, which came to about £400 per week. His joint Managing Director ALAN JAMES of West Park Gee Cross, took home £10,000 and the shareholders got a payout of £63,960.
This year, despite the fall in REAL profits, after-tax profit is up, thanks to big tax concessions.
This free gift from the Inland Revenue has enabled SHARNAWARE to increase its dividend to shareholders. □

WALLS

A one day strike in April at WALLS (MEAT AND FOODS) LTD, GODLEY, was only the public face of a pay dispute that is still rumbling on.
When process workers were made a single figure % offer by WALLS Management they turned it down - pointing out that inflation is in double figures.
AUEW engineers have implemented sanctions (banning overtime and so on) whilst the TGWU have taken the dispute to ACAS, the arbitration service.
Overshadowing the dispute is the huge multi-national UNILEVER,who own WALLS outright.
This is the third year of a three year 'testing period' set by UNILEVER for the company to become a going concern once more. □

STINKS AND BANGS



After his firm appeared in this column last issue Mr. RAISBRICK of the BOWER RUBBER CO.in MICKLEHURSTrang to say that his business no longer burns rubber, and hardly makes any smell at all these days.
He said he'd write us a letter putting his case, but hasn't, and so we can only note that residents around MR. RAISBRICKS firm are STILL complaining about nasty smells.
Elsewhere the smellies include MOORLITE ELECTRICAL of ASHTON and AOCM LTD. of TAME ST, STALYBRIDGE.
Rackets are coming from THE LIBERAL CLUB IN HOLLINGWORTH (again), THE SHEPLEY TRANSFER STATION in AUDENSHAW, W.C.B. CONTAINERS and DELTA ENFIELD CABLES OF STALYBRIDGE.
Meanwhile at SMITH BROS. HYDE something else smells besides 'the stink'
Management are refusing to give the Transport and General Workers Union recognition and negotiating rights.
Some of the workforce started to join the TGWU about 12 months ago, when a Director ROGER SMITH sacked four workers for disagreeing with his new shift system.
ROGER's own brand of 19th century industrial relations was no doubt inherited from his father, ALBERT SMITH, a founder of the firm. At an Industrial Tribunal, one of the sacked men (Peter Knowles) was reinstated; another (David Madley) cost SMITH BROS. £2,500 in compensation for unfair dismissal.
SMITH BROS 'cook' offal collected from slaughter houses, bones and fat from butcher's shops (we won't go on) and workers report that trade has definitely 'slackened off'.
The process is very dependent on energy; soaring fuel bills have led to ROGER SMITH talking of redundancies. A young Union organisation and no contract of employment leaves the workforce in a poor position for a fight. □

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TAMESIDERS in the TUC organised "Peoples March for Jobs" at Salford on May Day. Many are walking 280 miles from Liverpool to London to protest at the high unemployment figures and will lobby Parliament after a weekend of carnivals and demonstrations. □

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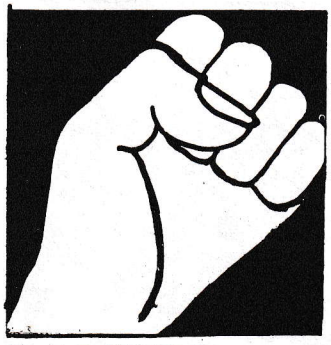

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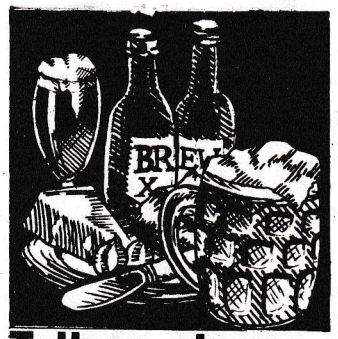
From time to time the popular press publish details of Industrial Tribunal decisions on unfair dismissal applications where the successful applicant appears to have been awarded a considerable sum of money. Further more with headlines like 'car workers awarded £8,000 for sleeping on night shift' or 'Process worker gets £2000 for punching foreman', gives the impression to many people that going to a tribunal, winning your case, and being awarded compensation is a relatively easy matter. Nothing could be further from the truth Consider the following facts published by the Central Office of Industrial Tribunals.

STATISTICS

*Over 85% ~~of all~~ applications to Industrial Tribunals each year are for unfair dismissal.
*Over half (65% of 36,476 applications in 1979) of all applications are either withdrawn or settled through conciliation without going to a hearing.
*Of those cases that came to a tribunal hearing 27.7% of applicants were successful. The number of successful applicants has been steadily declining each year since 1975 when 39.6% of applicants had favourable awards.
*Of those applicants that are upheld, reinstatement or re-engagement is awarded to less than 1% of all successful applicants.
Over half of those applicants that were awarded compensation from Tribunals last year received awards of less than £400, and in only 6% of all awards made was the award for more than £2,000.
In a very large number of cases last year, many successful applicants only received the statutory minimum basic award of two weeks wages. The level of awards can be expected to fall even further since this statutory minimum has now been repealed by the present Government.
There has also been a steady increase in the number of cases where the Tribunal has said -yes, we think that you have been partly or completely to blame for your own dismissal because of your own conduct or attitude and therefore the award is reduced by say 50% or 60% or even up to 100%.
Recent estimated figures published by the Government also show a steady decrease in the number of applicants represented by Trade Unions at tribunal hearings, with a steady increase in the number of respondents (employers) being legally represented. In 1978 for example, 34% of applicants were represented at the hearing (16% by a Trade Union) while 53% of respondents were represented.
In 1979 the percentage of applicants represented stayed the same but the number of respondents represented increased to 54%.
The respondents were successful in 75% of the cases where they were legally represented.
So what does all this add up to!
a) Going to an Industrial Tribunal is like running in the Grand National, even if you manage to get over all the hurdles of qualifying to bring your case and then proving your case, you may still not 'win' what you would consider to be a satisfactory settlement.
b) With recent trends in decisions and changes to the law, it is getting more difficult to bring a case and certainly more difficult to win.
c) Finally, nobody ever walks away from an Industrial Tribunal with jackpot prizes.□

IN A FUTURE ARTICLE - HOW DO I QUALIFY TO CLAIM UNFAIR DISMISSAL ?



Tollemache

In darkest MOSSLEY where MANCHESTER RD.crosses the derelict HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL, you will find a haven of rest; a pub just like grandpa used to get banned from. THE TOLLEMACHE ARMS is a small ROBINSONS HOUSE, recommended by CAMRA where you can relax with your pint, untroubled by piped musak or the bleeping of electronic amusements. There's a smoke room, with round the wall upholstered benches, and a public bar with an open fire and a dartboard. It's a place to sit back and make the world go away, and the splendidly kept beer will do all it can to help. MILD is 46p. PINT, BITTER 50p. EINHORN LAGER 58p.and DRAUGHT GUINESS 62p. As an added attraction one of the regulars is MOSSLEY aviator LEON "BIGGLES" HOWARD whose spectacular copter crash of JANUARY last year was in no way connected with the TOLLY's excellent ale. □

Royal George

DON'T be tempted to adjourn some 300 yds down the road, just over the Tameside border, to the ROYAL GEORGE,GREENFIELD. As you walk through the door you are faced by a bar resembling the back of a 1950's Cadillac. Your knees will be illuminated by flourescent tubes which have the additional effect of warming up the surface of the bar itself.
Gay chats about squash clubs C & A twinsets and double glazing seem to be the norm among the ROYAL GEORGE regulars.
The beer (TETLEYS) is no more than ordinary, even though the car park contains Rolls Royces. □

Hallo Readers!

You know me.
I abhor Socialism.
But I must confess to having spent many a happy hour singing the red-flag as I crawled helplessly about the gutter just outside THE DROYLSDEN LABOUR CLUB with a few Socialist acquaintances.
So you may imagine my consternation when I heard that a group of local LABOUR PARTY degenerates had recently asked for permission to hold a discussion about CRUISE MISSILES in this sacred temple of the Boozing class.
Political discussion? In DROYLSDEN? In a LABOUR CLUB? Whatever next!
But, I needn't have worried. The Club Committee know only too well that a LABOUR CLUB should under no circumstances attempt to distract its members from the supreme Socialist task of getting pissed-as-a-newt after hours, so they naturally turned this ridiculous suggestion down flat.
'We do not encourage political discussion here' slurred the Committee.
If only PARLIAMENT would follow the lead!
Is there REALLY any need for our elected M.P.'s to be dragged away from the HOUSE OF COMMONS Bars just to gabble mindlessly and shout Heyah! Heyah!
Take a leaf out of the book of our DROYLSDEN LABOUR CLUB Gentlemen! Boozers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your balance!

Wretch.

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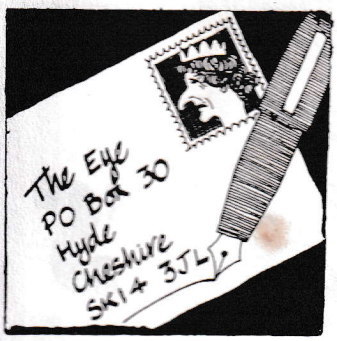
LETTERS



LIFELINE

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to hear you have stated in your last issue that I did not vote against Lifeline receiving money from our Social services.
I asked for a refusal of this grant so the Officers could give the committee some facts, but the committee were not convinced that this organisation should not get one, so it was granted and I VOTED AGAINST.
I also objected to this Organisation having a collection when they asked the Environmental Health Committee, but I was again outvoted, as the Legal Dept. stated there were no grounds legally for not allowing these people to collect.
Please get your facts right in future as you have caused me a lot of arguements trying to prove I did not vote for the Grant

Yours sincerely,

CLLR. ANNE BOOTH (GODLEY WD)
30 Hattersley Court, HYDE.

FARMERS

DEAR SIR,

Yesterday, the 27th April, I was tuned to BBC4 just after 6.30 am when I could hardly believe my ears.
The programme was Farming and a farmer and the interviewer were discussing the fact that 'any farmer with a family whose income, before tax is £74 or less per week may obtain a farm form and claim a social benefit of £18.50 per week.
This should be of great interest to pensioners, the unemployed and others, especially the 1500 security police.
I have before me as I write an article from The Guardian by Richard Norton Taylor which states, 'British taxpayers and consumers subsidise each farmer to the order of £3,500 a year, this compares with the figure of £1,800 subsidy to each British Steel Workers, annually.
What IS going on ?
Yours faithfully,
V. TAYLOR,
46 Falsey Ave, Hyde,
Cheshire.

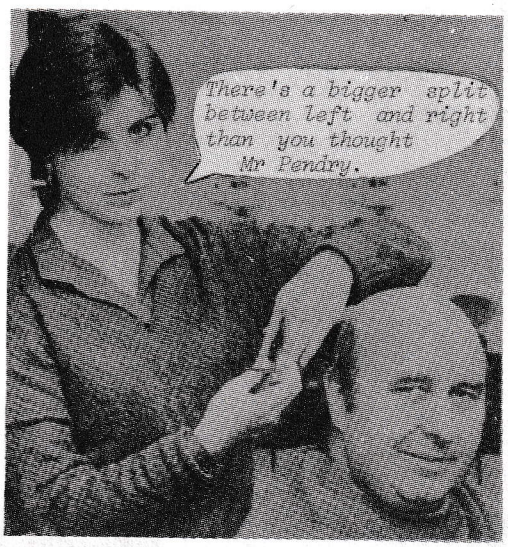
REFORMS

Dear EYE Letters,

May I congratulate the EYE investigation 'Who Runs Tameside'.
However, I do believe the present system of local government already leaves ordinary ratepayers and tenants without a say in local affairs.
There are three main reforms needed to give power back to the people. They are:-
1. The breaking up of Tameside into small local authorities again.
2. The reform of the rating system so everyone pays their fair share.
3. The reform of the electoral system for local elections to give everyone an effective vote.
If National government will get off the back of local governments, these radical policies will give ordinary people a real say in local affairs.
Yours sincerely,
ROBERT SYKES
Tameside Ecology Party.
14 Crown Hill,
Micklehurst,
Mossley.

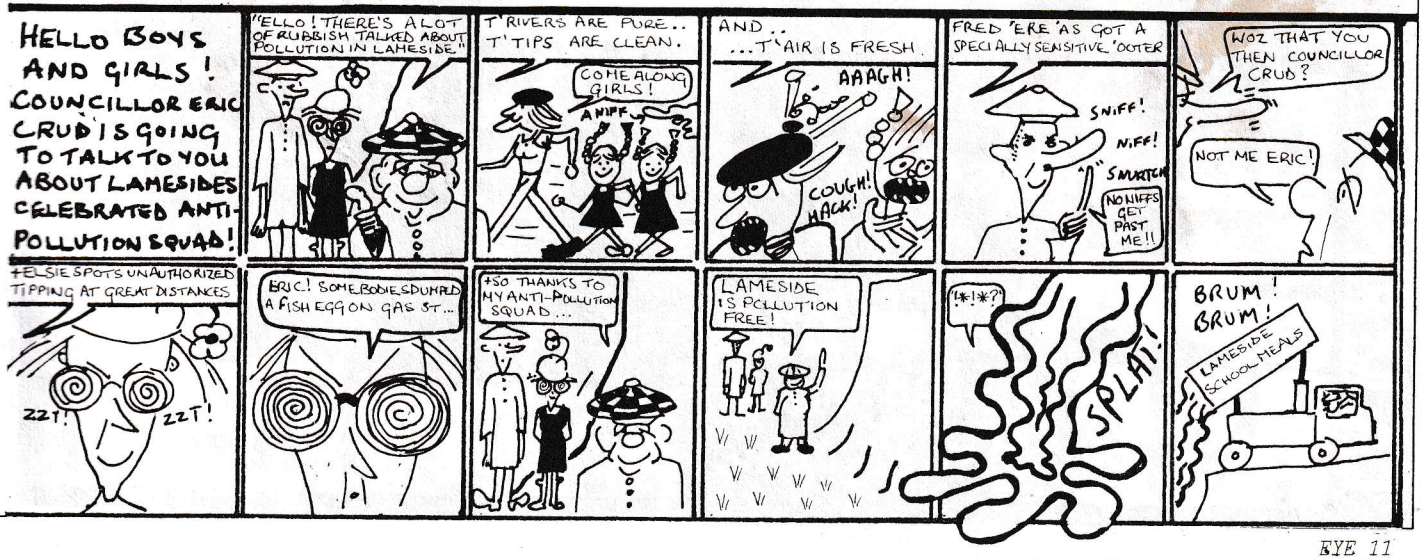
BUBBLES!

Replies to Bubbles 1.



Last issue BUBBLES! brought in some very funny captions. We thought the cleverest was from VANCE WILCOX of 214 WHITEACRE ROAD, ASHTON and we print it above.
But equally funny was the one from W.P. ADSHEAD of 31 CLARENDON RD. AUDENSHAW who thinks the lady hairdresser should be saying - "Well, there's no point in thatching an empty barn."
Both MR. WILCOX and MR. ADSHEAD will be getting a free six month subscription to EYE.

LAMESIDE TALES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SNIFF!
NIFF!
SNATCH
NO NIFFS GET PAST ME!!
WOZ THAT YOU THEN COUNCILLOR CRUD?
NOT ME ERIC!
+ELSIE SPOTS UNAUTHORIZED TIPPING AT GREAT DISTANCES
ZZT! ZZT!
ERIC! SOMEBODIES DUMPED A FISH EGG ON GAS ST...
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